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From: Hintz, Susan (ESC)

Sent: Tue 2/12/2008 11:27 PM

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: RE: Who else is doing grades 4-6?

Attachments:
[REDACTED]

Yea! Yes. Please get the research from [REDACTED]

Susan

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2008 4:17 PM

To: Hintz, Susan (ESC)

Subject: RE: Who else is doing grades 4-6?

Hi Susan,

What a coincidence! During Connect and Care on Monday [REDACTED] and I had a discussion about why Pre-K – 3 is beneficial for students. We did an ERIC search and logged into his University of St. Thomas resources. I agreed to continue the research and we would draft some key messages. As part of my research I contacted [REDACTED] St. Paul. Riverview was a K-3 school since 1995 and is now in the process of expanding the program to K-6. The best offense is a good defense, so you may be interested in their rationale for expanding to K-6. See below. Interestingly, two other St. Paul elementary schools are going to K-4, 5-6 configurations. I left messages for them.

Yes, [REDACTED] will research 4-6 schools. May I have a copy of the research from the media dept. so I do not duplicate?

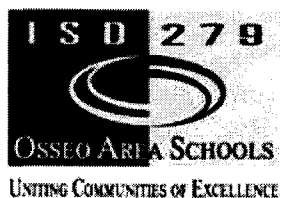
From Riverview website

History:

In May of 2004, the **Riverview Site Council** began the discussion about becoming a K-6 elementary school. This was in direct response to the decrease in enrollment that Riverview was beginning to experience.

Rationale :

1. Families state that a major reason for leaving Riverview is that we are not a K-6 school. Parents crave simplicity and ease in their increasingly busy lives and having all children attending the same school is desirable.
2. Transportation, family involvement activities, parent conferences will be available from one school site rather than two or three.
3. Safety and security from being at the school for seven years will increase, families will stay and enrollment will stabilize.
4. The three elementary schools would be able to cultivate closer partnership with Humboldt Junior High School and will create a natural pathway for students to enroll there and this will help bolster enrollment at the secondary level.
5. There will be a K-6 options on the West Side, which is currently not available.



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From: Hintz, Susan (ESC)
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 10:15 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Who else is doing grades 4-6?

Dear [REDACTED]

I have been reading some research that our media department pulled for me on the advantages to a Pre-K-3 grade configuration. I can't find any educational advantage for grades 4-6. We need to try to find out if any school district is already doing it; why they did it; and what impact, if any, the configuration is having on students.

I have recently heard that Eden Prairie Schools has a 4-6 school. Would you please call there and see what you can find out if they do; why they did it; and what impact it is having?

Then, please see if [REDACTED] can search MN to see if anyone else is using that configuration. If she finds others, would you be willing to contact them for the info. on it?

We need to see if there is any educational value or if we are just plain doing it to make the plan work.

Thank you,

Susan

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